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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YASUO OKUTANI ET AL.) : Examiner: D. Abebe
Application No.: 09/818,581) : Group Art Unit: 2655
Filed: March 28, 2001) :
For: SYNTHESIS UNIT SELECTION) : January 28, 2005
APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND) :
STORAGE MEDIUM (As Amended))

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications, a copy of each of which is enclosed:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Status</u>
09/262,852	Masayuki Yamada	March 5, 1999	2655	Pending

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09/263,262	Masayuki Yamada	March 5, 1999	2654	Pending

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		5,633,984	05/1997	Aso et al.			
		6,546,367 B2	04/2003	Otsuka			
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